THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 10/549,524 Tzikas et al. Applicants: Filed: September 19, 2005 Examiner: R. Chung **Art Unit:** 4145

Title: Fibre-Reactive Azo Dyes,

Their Preparation And Their Use

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION MAILED APRIL 17, 2008

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response, along with a request for a three (3) month extension of time, to the Office Communication mailed April 17, 2008. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of the claims pending in this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.